(c) whether Government proposes to disband AICTE and also proposes to set up Independent Regulatory Authority for higher education; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and further steps Government propses to take to streamline higher education in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The complaints pertain mainly to the following:

(i) Delay in grant of approval,

(ii) Lack of uniformity in applying norms and standards in grant of approval,

(iii) Lack of action by AICTE on complaints against institutions relating to malpractices in admissions, and

(iv) Irregularities in Regional Offices.

(c) No such decision has been taken.

(d) Does not arise. As regards reforms in Higher Education, the Eleventh Five Year Plan envisages reforms in several aspects e.g. Admission, Curriculum, Evaluation, Accreditation, Teacher Competence, Autonomy and Accountability, etc.

Opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas

1761. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas in different regions of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the status of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Orissa; and

(d) what are the details of new such schools that would be set up under the above project in this region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalayas are opened from time to time on the basis of viable proposals subject to availability of funds and sanction by the competent authority.

(c) There are 36 Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State of Orissa.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

Judicial reforms

1762. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to implement the judicial reform measures;